



## **Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 14, 2016, 6:00 PM Clarendon School District Three District Office**

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### **Those in attendance:**

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman Benton Blakely  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson  
Councilman, AC English  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

### **Press in attendance:** None

### **Others in attendance included:**

Lynden Anthony      Charlotte Johnston      Jamie Welch      Mitch Ellerby      Eric Rosdale  
Dr. Connie Dennis      And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. He thanked Dr. Connie Dennis for allowing County Council to meet at the District Office. Councilman Blakely led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Council Meeting Agenda for March 14, 2016.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on February 8, 2016 with two minor corrections.

### **III. Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:04 pm for Ordinance 2016-01, An ordinance to direct the expenditures of funds as a Supplemental Budget in addition to that budget previously approved for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016.

Administrative Epperson stated that this amendment would increase the amount of Expenditures for a supplemental budget increase of \$2,710,000. He stated that because of the recent flood and damages associated with the flooding, the additional funds are necessary. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the Assessor's Office need to update their software system, the Detention Center needs a transport vehicle, and we need to increase our courthouse security.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any additional comments in reference to Ordinance 2016-01. He stated that since there were no other comments, the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm.

### **IV. Ordinance 2016-01**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-01, An ordinance to direct the expenditures of funds as a Supplemental Budget in addition to that budget previously approved for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016.

### **V. Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement**

Administrator Epperson presented to County Council a Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement between The City of Myrtle Beach and Clarendon County Detention Center. He stated that this agreement must be renewed on an annual basis.

Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this agreement would authorize the Detention Center to assist the City of Myrtle Beach during bike week if needed.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between The City of Myrtle Beach and the Clarendon County Detention Center.

## **VI. Board Appointments**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Erica Adams-Caldwell to the Harvin Clarendon County Library Board representing District 1.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Lindsey Moberg to the Harvin Clarendon County Library Board representing District 1.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Catherine Coffey to the Harvin Clarendon County Library Board representing District 2.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint the following members to the Clarendon County Tax Accommodations Commission: Mr. LeBon Joye, Mr. Bob Patel, and Mr. Arun Bivek.

## **VII. Request to Governor Haley**

Chairman Stewart presented Council with a letter to Governor Haley requesting consideration of all options available to the citizens of South Carolina in reference to the recent unprecedented flooding.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to submit the letter to the Honorable Nikki Haley requesting consideration of all options available to the citizens of South Carolina in reference to the recent unprecedented flooding.

## **VIII. Road Request**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to accept ownership of various roads within Pine Knoll Subdivision and add those roads to the County Maintenance List.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept ownership of various roads within Pine Knoll Subdivision and to add those roads to the County Maintenance List.

## **IX. Clarendon County Transportation Committee Meeting (CCTC)**

Chairman Stewart called the CCTC to order at 6:24 pm.

Administrator Epperson requested Council approval to purchase Crushed Stones and Cold Mix Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval giving Administrator Epperson authorization to purchase Crushed Stones and Cold Mix Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC meeting would now close. The CCTC meeting closed at 6:28 PM.

## **X. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,772,890 and Revenue of \$1,223,228 for the month of February.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of February was \$39,819, and total Expenses of \$133,830. He stated that after transfers from the Accommodation taxes and Hospitality Taxes in the amount of \$94,011, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of February with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$475,642 and Operating Expenses of \$287,444 as of February 29, 2016. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest income, and Grant Revenue totaling \$285,715, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$473,913.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program had a Cash Balance of \$4,086,796 of which \$4,325,851 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds.

## **XI. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- USDA Phase 1B – Project is progressing. Final completion on the entire project is slated for April/May, 2016
- USDA Phase 1C – Project is temporarily on hold as a result of water levels in the area.
- USDA Phase II - Currently working toward beginning surveying and acquiring waterline right-of-way.
- Long Term Assistance – The group has met and has begun the process of identifying funding and resources and providing assistance to the residents of the tri-county area.
- County Maintained Roads – Private Contractors continue to work heavily damaged and well-used roads in each Council District.
- All roads scheduled for paving through the County's portion of C-Funding for 2015/2016 have been awarded to a contractor and work has begun.
- Althea Gibson Center – We recently placed out a solicitation to renovate the existing facility to house our Clarendon County DSS Office and construct adjacent office space to house the Clarendon County Probation Parole and Pardon Office and the Clarendon County Coroner's Office.
- Landfill – Recent expansion is now completed and the new area is currently being utilized by our landfill staff.

## **XII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he is a member of IAC, InterAgency Council, and he thanked the Clerk, Dorothy Levy, for attending the March meeting representing Council. He concluded his report by asking everyone to support the Relay for Life baked sale, which was held at the Administrative Building on March 15, 2016.

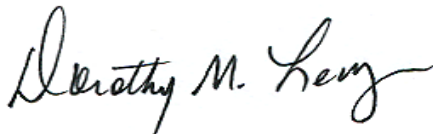
## **XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous approval to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

